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In Re Application of: Sheng LIANG et al.

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For: A METHOD FOR ENABLING COMPREHENSIVE PROFILING OF GARBAGE-COLLECTED MEMORY SYSTEMS

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (1 page);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (one-month) (1 page); and
3. Check for \$110 to cover extension of time fee.

Dated: October 27, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated August 27, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group 1, Claims 1-9, 11-19, and 21-38; and

Group II, Claims 10 and 20.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group 1, Claims 1-9, 11-19, and 21-38.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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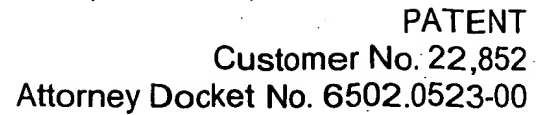
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of August 27, 2003. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

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